

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MAINE

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BANGOR, MAINE  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v. )

RYAN ORTON )

Crim. No. 12-cr-117-JAW

**AGREEMENT TO PLEAD GUILTY**  
**(WITH STIPULATIONS AND APPEAL WAIVER)**

The United States of America, by and through Thomas E. Delahanty II, United States Attorney for the District of Maine, and Joel B. Casey, Assistant United States Attorney, and Ryan Orton (hereinafter "Defendant"), acting for himself and through his counsel, Jeffrey Silverstein, Esquire, enter into the following Agreement based upon the promises and understandings set forth below.

1. Guilty Plea. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the Information herein pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (Fed. R. Crim. P.). The Information charges Defendant in three counts with the following: Count 1 – Conspiracy to Import Controlled Substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 963; Count 2 – Conspiracy to Engage in Money Laundering, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 1956(h); and Count 3 – being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

2. Sentencing/Penalties. Defendant agrees to be sentenced on the charges described above. Defendant understands that the penalties that are applicable to the charges described above are as follows:

Count 1

- A. A maximum prison term of thirty (30) years;
- B. A maximum fine of \$2,000,000;
- C. A mandatory special assessment of \$100.00 for each count of conviction which Defendant agrees to pay at or before the time that he enters a guilty plea; and
- D. A term of supervised release of not less than six (6) years and up to life. Defendant understands that his failure to comply with any of the conditions of supervised release may result in revocation of supervised release, requiring Defendant to serve up to five (5) additional years in prison for any such revocation of supervised release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583.

Count 2

- A. A maximum prison term of twenty (20) years;
- B. A maximum fine of \$500,000;
- C. A mandatory special assessment of \$100.00 for each count of conviction which Defendant agrees to pay at or before the time that he enters a guilty plea; and
- D. A term of supervised release of not more than three years. Defendant understands that his failure to comply with any of the conditions of supervised release may result in revocation of supervised release, requiring Defendant to serve up to two (2) additional years in prison for any such revocation of supervised release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583.

Count 3

- A. A maximum prison term of ten (10) years;
- B. A maximum fine of \$250,000;
- C. A mandatory special assessment of \$100.00 for each count of conviction which Defendant agrees to pay at or before the time that he enters a guilty plea; and
- D. A term of supervised release of not more than three years. Defendant understands that his failure to comply with any of the conditions of supervised release may result in revocation of supervised release,

requiring Defendant to serve up to two (2) additional years in prison for any such revocation of supervised release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583.

3. Agreements Regarding Sentencing.

The parties agree to recommend that the Court find that the defendant has accepted responsibility for the offenses of conviction, and that the Court should reduce the defendant's Adjusted Offense Level by three levels under U.S.S.G. §3E1.1. The government reserves the right not to recommend a reduction under U.S.S.G. §3E1.1 if, at any time between his execution of this Agreement and sentencing, the defendant (a) fails to admit a complete factual basis for the plea, (b) fails to truthfully admit his conduct in the offense of conviction, c) engages in conduct which results in an adjustment under U.S.S.G. §3C 1.1; (d) falsely denies or frivolously contests relevant conduct for which the defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. §1B1.3; or (e) engages in new criminal conduct. Defendant understands that he may not withdraw the guilty pleas if, for any of the reasons listed above, the government does not recommend that he receive a reduction in Offense Level for acceptance of responsibility.

The parties expressly agree and understand that should the Court reject the recommendation of the parties, the Defendant will not thereby be permitted to withdraw his pleas of guilty. The parties agree and understand that the Court has the discretion to impose any lawful sentence.

4. Appeal Waivers. Defendant is aware that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 affords a defendant the right to appeal the sentence imposed. Knowing that, Defendant waives the right to appeal the following:

- A. Defendant's guilty plea and any other aspect of Defendant's conviction in the above-captioned case; and
- B. A sentence of imprisonment that does not exceed ~~30~~ 180 months.

Defendant's waiver of his right to appeal shall not apply to appeals based on a right that has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review.

The number of months mentioned in this paragraph does not necessarily constitute an estimate of the sentence that the parties expect will be imposed.

5. Consequences of Breach. If Defendant violates or fails to perform any obligations under this agreement (“a breach”), the United States will be released from its obligations hereunder and may fully prosecute Defendant on all criminal charges that can be brought against Defendant. With respect to such a prosecution:

- A. The United States may use any statement that Defendant made pursuant to this agreement, including statements made during plea discussions and plea colloquies, and the fact that Defendant pleaded guilty, and Defendant hereby waives any claim under Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence or Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that such statements and guilty plea are inadmissible.
- B. Defendant waives any and all defenses based on the statute of limitations with respect to any such prosecution that is not time-barred on the date that this agreement is signed by the parties.

If the United States chooses to exercise its rights under this paragraph, the determination of whether Defendant has committed a breach shall be made by the Court upon an appropriate motion. In a proceeding on such motion, the United States shall have the burden to establish Defendant’s breach by a preponderance of the evidence.

6. Speedy Trial Waiver. Defendant agrees to waive, and hereby does waive, any and all rights he might have under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161-64, from the date of the execution of this Agreement and continuing thereafter through and including the date upon which sentence is imposed. In the event that the Court determines that Defendant has breached this Agreement, as set forth in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement, then the waiver described in this Paragraph shall continue through and including the date on which the Court determines that such


a breach has occurred. Defendant expressly consents to the entry of an Order by the Court excluding such periods of time from such consideration.

7. Forfeiture. Defendant agrees to waive any claim to, and assist the United States in effecting the forfeiture or other transfer of, any property that may be subject to forfeiture to the United States under any law of the United States, including but not limited to those assets listed in the Information herein.

8. Validity of Other Agreements; Signature. This Agreement supersedes any prior understandings, promises, or conditions between this Office and Defendant. However, in the event that Defendant fails to enter his guilty plea or is allowed to withdraw his guilty plea entered hereunder, and the Court determines that Defendant has not breached this agreement, then any proffer agreement between the parties shall remain in effect. No additional understandings, promises, or conditions will be entered into unless in writing and signed by all parties. The signature of Defendant in the space designated signifies his full and voluntary acceptance of this Agreement.

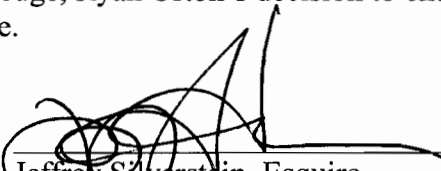
I have read this Agreement and have carefully reviewed every part of it. I understand it and I have voluntarily agreed to it.

Date: 9/27/12

  
x Ryan Orton, Defendant

I am legal counsel for Ryan Orton. I have carefully reviewed every part of this Agreement with Ryan Orton. To my knowledge, Ryan Orton's decision to enter into this Agreement is an informed and voluntary one.

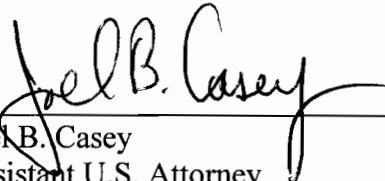
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Jeffrey Silverstein, Esquire  
Attorney for Defendant

FOR THE UNITED STATES:

THOMAS E. DELAHANTY II  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Date: 10/15/12

  
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Joel B. Casey  
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Approved:   
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Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney

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